

225B.3 Prevention of disabilities policy council established — membership — duties.

1. A prevention of disabilities policy council is established to provide oversight in the development and operation of a coordinated prevention of disabilities system. The council shall consist of the following members:

a. Two members of the senate appointed by the senate majority leader and minority leader and two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house and the house minority leader.

b. Three providers of disability prevention services, recommended by the governor's developmental disabilities council, appointed by the governor, and confirmed by the senate.

c. Three persons with expertise in priority prevention areas, recommended by the governor's developmental disabilities council, appointed by the governor, and confirmed by the senate.

d. Three persons with disabilities or family members of a person with disabilities, recommended by the governor's developmental disabilities council, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.

2. Members of the council appointed by the governor shall serve three-year staggered terms. Members of the general assembly appointed to the council shall serve two-year terms and shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members. Vacancies on the council shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. Members are entitled to reimbursement of actual expenses incurred in performance of their official duties.

3. The council shall do all of the following:

a. Oversee the planning, implementation, and evaluation of a coordinated strategy for the prevention of disabilities among state departments which is based upon the Iowa state plan for the prevention of developmental disabilities of 1988.

b. Promote cooperative and complementary planning among the public, private, and volunteer sectors involved in prevention activities and research regarding disabilities.

c. Develop and implement a system to measure the outcome and assess the overall impact of the prevention efforts of the state.

d. Encourage research into the causes and prevention of disabling conditions.

e. Promote professional and provider training in state-of-the-art prevention of disabilities measures.

f. Recommend policy and priorities for the prevention of disabilities.

g. Adopt rules to implement this chapter.

h. Seek and apply for federal grants and private foundation funding to support the responsibilities of the council. The council shall also seek in-kind and other private contributions to fulfill the federal matching funds requirements for the purpose of section 225B.7.

i. Submit to the governor and the general assembly by November 1, 1992, and annually on November 1 thereafter, a report that includes all of the following:

(1) A continuum of cost-effective prevention of disability activities.

(2) A listing of existing activities and the state agency responsible for the activities.

(3) Recommendations to coordinate the planning, delivery, and evaluation of existing activities.

(4) Recommendations to address the lack of prevention of disability activities.

(5) Recommendations to measure the outcomes and assess the overall impacts of the state's prevention of disability efforts.

(6) Recommendations to promote cooperative planning among the public, private, and volunteer sectors and to increase public-private partnership involvement in prevention of disability activities.

(7) A review of existing research and personnel training programs.

(8) Priorities for disability prevention activities in the state.

(9) Recommendations for legislative, administrative, or budgetary changes.

4. The council shall meet at least six times during the year. A majority of the members of

the council constitutes a quorum, and a majority of the council is necessary to act on matters within the purview of the council.

91 Acts, ch 169, §3; 2001 Acts, ch 74, §12

[P] Confirmation, see §2.32